



# Inner Temple Library Newsletter

Welcome to the fourth issue of the Inner Temple Library's quarterly electronic newsletter. The newsletter aims to keep members and tenants of the Inner Temple up to date with news and developments in the Library.

All feedback is welcome and can be sent to [librarynewsletter@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:librarynewsletter@innertemple.org.uk)

## Saturday Opening

One of the four Inn Libraries will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on each Saturday during the legal terms, with each Library opening every fourth week according to the timetable set out here.



### 2006

#### April

29 April Gray's Inn

#### May

6 May Lincoln's Inn  
13 May Middle Temple  
20 May Gray's Inn  
27 May CLOSED

#### June

3 June Inner Temple  
10 June Lincoln's Inn  
17 June Middle Temple  
24 June Gray's Inn

#### July

1 July Inner Temple  
8 July Lincoln's Inn  
15 July Middle Temple  
22 July Gray's Inn  
29 July Inner Temple

The 2006 Saturday calendar is available from the Library or can be downloaded from the [Opening Hours](#) section of the Library web site.

## Pupil Tours

The Library is offering tours to new pupils. To book a tour email [librarytours@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:librarytours@innertemple.org.uk)

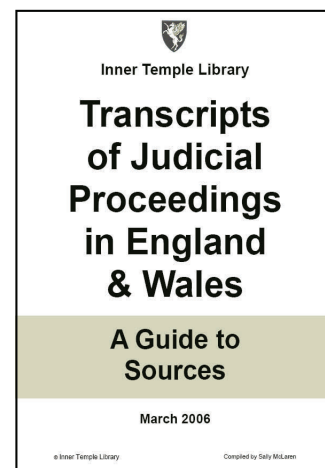
## Transcripts Guide

The Library has recently produced a guide for those wishing to obtain transcripts of the proceedings of courts and tribunals in England and Wales. Great interest has been shown in the new guide with over 150 law firms, chambers and academic libraries requesting a copy.

The guide is available free of charge as a PDF document and can be requested by sending an email to: [guides@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:guides@innertemple.org.uk).

Tribunals established within the last few years are excluded from the guide, since the decisions are available on the web sites of the bodies concerned. Similarly what is available via Lexis, Westlaw and other major subscription-based Internet services is not mentioned.

Great care was taken to ensure the accuracy of the guide at the time of its going to press. Nevertheless, readers wishing to order a transcript are advised to verify all details with individual service providers before entering into any transaction, since charges, contact details and other information may change without notice.





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## Survey Results

A survey of Library usage was carried out via the Library's web site during January/February 2006. A total of 153 responses were received to an online questionnaire. In addition a one-day survey of those coming to the Library in person was carried out on 23rd February 2006. On the survey day 72 questionnaire forms were handed out and 59 were returned.

The results of the two 2006 surveys were complementary, broadly consistent, and broadly similar to the results of surveys carried out in 2002 and 2004.

- More than half of those who use the Library are members of or have chambers in the Inner Temple.
- While student use of the Library dropped markedly some years ago when BVC libraries were introduced, those students who do make use of the Library are enthusiastic about its atmosphere and facilities.
- More than half of Library users make use of staff assistance during their visits, and many respondents comment favourably on the knowledge and helpfulness of the staff.
- The Library is greatly valued as a quiet or convenient place to work. (The percentage of users selecting this option has doubled since the 2004 survey.)
- Other main reasons for visiting the Library are to research for a case or an opinion (an increase of 20% over 2004), and to copy specific material.
- There is heavy and increasing use of online services, but the full range of hard copy resources continues to be well used, including law reports, textbooks, loose-leaf

encyclopedias, journals and statutes. (The 2006 statistics show a dramatic increase in the use of printed materials as compared with 2004 and 2002.) The availability of non-current material is also much valued: over 90% of respondents consulted non-current materials in English law.

- There appears to have been a marked increase recently in the use made of materials on human rights, EC law and Commonwealth law.
- The level of general satisfaction is high. Almost all users find what they want.
- Photocopying and printing from online sources both show an increase since the 2004 survey.
- The number of barristers using the Internet from chambers or home to access free services seems to have increased slightly but there appears to be a reduction in personal subscriptions to electronic services. Other sources such as chambers' libraries and own books are still widely used.
- A high proportion of respondents to the online survey are not aware of the existence of the document supply service. Even though a mailshot was sent out last year, the service needs to be publicised again.
- The question of remote access to the Library's Internet subscription services is raised a number of times. As the online suppliers will not allow their services to be provided in this way, we need to investigate what more can be done to provide material by photocopy, fax and email to members who cannot use the Library in person.

To view the survey results and comments in full [click here](#)



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## Inner Temple Admissions Database Launch

A reception was held in the Inner Temple Luncheon Room on 30th March to mark the official launch of the Inner Temple Admissions Database. Guests, who included representatives from the Heritage Lottery Fund, sponsors of the project, were able to conduct searches and to view a specially prepared display of items from the archives.

The principal speaker was Master Baker (Professor Sir John Baker, LL.D., FBA, QC), chairman of the Archives Committee (below, centre). The Sub-Treasurer, Patrick Maddams (below, left), and the Archivist, Dr Clare Rider (right) also spoke.

The database, accessible free on the internet, provides online biographical information about members of the Inn admitted between 1547 and 1850. In addition there are editorial notes, a glossary, and general information on legal education and the legal profession prior to 1850.

It may be accessed either via the Inn's web site [www.innertemple.org.uk](http://www.innertemple.org.uk) (select "Historical Records" within "About the Inner Temple"), or via the Library's site [www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk](http://www.innertemplelibrary.org.uk) (select "Inner Temple Archives" on the home page), or directly at [www.innertemple.org.uk/archive/itad/index.asp](http://www.innertemple.org.uk/archive/itad/index.asp).



## AccessToLaw

Two new subject areas have been added to [AccessToLaw](#), the Library's legal gateway web site: [Housing Law](#) and [Surveillance/Investigatory Powers](#).

Housing Law includes links to various chambers' web sites (Veritas Chambers, Garden Court Chambers and Arden Chambers), which produce bulletins and updates on housing law. The Surveillance/Investigatory Powers section includes links to MI5, the Secret Intelligence Service MI6, the Investigatory Powers Tribunal and the Home Office's Security section.

Recent additions to existing AccessToLaw sections include:

- [Criminal Law](#): Home Office Circulars. Nearly all Circulars from 1945 onwards are available (as pdf documents).
- [Caribbean](#): Caribbean Court of Justice. This Court was established in 2005, and in addition to replacing the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as a court of final appeal, it is vested with an original jurisdiction in respect of the interpretation and application of the Treaty Establishing the Caribbean Community.

The new Serious Organised Crime Agency began work on 1st April, replacing the National Crime Squad, NCIS, and parts of the customs and immigration authorities. Their web site can be found in AccessToLaw under [Criminal Law](#).

A number of new legal bodies came into existence on 3rd April as a result of reforms introduced under the Constitutional Reform Act 2005. These include the Judicial Appointments Commission, the Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman, and the Office for Judicial Complaints. Links to their web sites have been added to appropriate sections of AccessToLaw. Also added, under [Legal Profession](#), is the new Judiciary of England and Wales site.



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## BAILII

### Background

In November 1999 a "free the law" meeting chaired by Master Brooke, took place at Chatham House. In the audience were representatives from government and the judiciary, members of the legal profession, academics, law librarians and legal publishers. Everyone there was unanimous in wanting to see the creation of an electronic legal information service, similar to [AustLII](#), which would give access to full-text UK statutes and case law free of charge.

£100,000 was promised by sponsors so that work on the project could start immediately. A small steering group (including Lord Saville, Master Brooke (Lord Justice Brooke), Laurie West-Knights QC and Professor Richard Susskind) was set up to move the project forward and by December 2000 the British and Irish Legal Information Institute was established as a charitable trust, with an international board of trustees. The work of BAILII is now generously supported by the four Inns, the Bar Council and the Law Society Charity, HM Courts Service, the Society for Computers and Law, and an increasing number of other donors who appreciate its unique value.

BAILII has developed an Internet database ([www.bailii.org](http://www.bailii.org)) which provides access, completely free, to an ever increasing amount of British and Irish legal material. It also forms part of a growing network of Legal Information Institutes which together constitute a worldwide free online law library ([www.worldlii.org](http://www.worldlii.org)).

### Content

The web site currently contains databases of decisions of the Privy Council, House of Lords,



Court of Appeal and the Administrative Court from 1996 onwards, other divisions of the High Court from 1997 onwards, and decisions of a wide range of tribunals. Also available are UK Statutes 1988 onwards, UK Statutory Instruments 2002 onwards and selected Law Commission papers 1966 onwards. Collections of similar scope are also available for Scotland, (including Court of Session decisions 1998 onwards and Scottish Acts and Scottish Statutory Instruments 1999 onwards), Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland (including Irish Supreme Court decisions 1998 onwards, Irish High Court decisions 1996 onwards and Irish legislation 1922 onwards).

For further details see the relevant sections of the [AccessToLaw](#) web site.

### Usage

The BAILII database is now a major tool for legal research. It is used by practitioners, academics, students, litigants and members of the public. Usage has increased every year and within eight months in 2005 the use of the site trebled: there are now about 64,000 successful requests for material each day. About 70% of users are barristers and solicitors. When a survey was last made, of these legal professionals, 71% used BAILII once a week, 16% once a month, 8% daily and 5% a few times a year.

### The Future

BAILII's aims for the future include increasing the number of High Court judgments on the database; extending the list of leading appeal tribunal decisions; increasing coverage of material from Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland; and creating a database of historic core legal judgments as part of the Open Law Project.

BAILII is a non-profit, charitable trust supported mainly by donations. Donations can be made via this link [\[Donate to BAILII\]](#) which may also be found on the [BAILII](#) home page.





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## New Acquisitions

*The negligence liability of public authorities* by Cherie Booth QC and Dan Squires has been much anticipated and has now arrived. The first comprehensive account of the law in this area aimed at practitioners, it provides an overview of all areas in which the law of negligence could impact upon public authorities.

Another "first" – according to its publishers – is James Hathaway's *The rights of refugees under international law*. It is claimed as "the first ever comprehensive account of the human rights of refugees [under] the UN Refugee Convention".

New to us, but not strictly a new work - a previous edition appeared in 1985 - Eric Barendt's *Freedom of speech* has been revised, updated and much expanded to take account of the many important developments that have taken place in the interval.

In *Property and the Human Rights Act* Tom Allen seeks to provide a structured approach to the extensive case law relating to property issues arising out of the ECHR and the Human Rights Act 1998, and to provide guidance on the direction the law is likely to take in future.

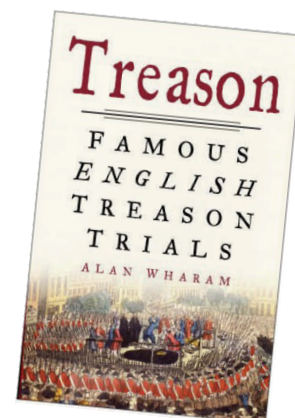
*Duress, undue influence and unconscionable dealing* (in the Contract Law Library series) attempts, according to the author, Nelson Enonchong, "to help the practitioner to understand the essence of the three initiating factors and how each applies in different situations". It also includes some discussion of transactions other than contracts.

We are indebted to HH Judge Fysh and to Sir Michael Tugendhat, both Benchers of the Inn, for presenting two new books, of which they are the respective consultant editors: *The modern law of patents* and Janet Ulph's *Commercial fraud: civil liability, human rights and money laundering*.

Among the new editions received recently are Supperstone and Goudie's *Judicial review*, Sidney Ross's *Inheritance Act claims*, the 2006 *Immigration, nationality & refugee law handbook*, *Cook on costs* and *Arlidge, Eady and Smith on contempt*.

To see the latest list of new law titles and editions received, [click here](#)

Those with an interest in the history of criminal law will be pleased to learn that Alan Wharam's *Treason: famous English treason trials* (Sutton Publishing) recently appeared in paperback. Mr Wharam, who was called to the Bar by this Inn (1953) and was until his retirement Principal Lecturer in Law at Leeds Polytechnic, kindly presented a copy of the hardback edition to the Library.



## Staff Changes

Corryn Walker, who joined the Library from Freshfields two years ago, left at the end of March. Corryn is returning to the north of England to live. Sally McLaren, who has worked for the Library since 2003, has been promoted to Assistant Librarian (Acquisitions and Enquiries) in her place.

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